



ORDINANCE

UPDATING THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT VEHICLES MAY BE USED AS TAXICABS AND QUALIFYING ALL HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO BE USED AS TAXICABS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

The City of Nashua ordains that Part II “General Legislation”, Chapter 300 “Taxicabs”, of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. In Section 300-12 “Condition and appearance of vehicles”, subsection D, delete the struck-through language and add the new underlined language as follows:

“§300-12. Condition and appearance of vehicles.

...

- D. Every vehicle used as a taxicab shall be a ~~compact car, mid-size car, large car, station wagon, passenger van, or special purpose vehicle,~~ sedan or station wagon with a passenger and cargo volume of 110 cubic feet or more, van, minivan, sport utility vehicle, or special purpose vehicle as listed in the United States Department of Energy’s Fuel Economy Guide (DOE/EE-0102) with compact cars being grandfathered until April 30, 2001. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all hybrid electric vehicles qualify to be used as taxicabs.”

2. In Section 300-1 “Definitions”, add the following new underlined definition in the appropriate alphabetical order:

“§300-1. Definitions.

HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE – A vehicle powered by two or more energy sources, one of which is electricity. Hybrid electric vehicles may combine the engine and fuel of a conventional vehicle with the batteries and electric motor of an electric vehicle in a single drivetrain.”

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2010

ORDINANCE: O-10-05

PURPOSE: Updating the description of what vehicles may be used as taxicabs and qualifying all hybrid electric vehicles to be used as taxicabs

ENDORSER(S): Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This legislation updates the description of what vehicles may be used as taxicabs. The publication reference (DOE/EE-0102) is outdated, and the current publication number changes annually with only the current model year vehicles appearing in the publication, so it is not a useful reference. By definition, a compact, subcompact or mini-compact has 109 cubic feet or less of passenger and cargo volume.

This legislation also provides an exception so that all hybrid electric vehicles could be used as taxicabs, and includes a definition of a "hybrid electric vehicle".

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorothy Clarke

Date: 6 January 2010



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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING **JANUARY 12, 2010**

Referred to:

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE

2nd Reading **FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed **FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

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Attest: *[Signature]*
City Clerk

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President

Approved *[Signature]*
Mayor's Signature

2-24-10

Date

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President